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District of New Mexico

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United States of America)

v.)

STEPHEN CRAIG CAMPBELL,
a.k.a. John Doe, a.k.a. Walter Lee Coffman)

Case No. 25-216 MJ

Defendant(s)

AMENDED CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of September 4, 2019 in the county of Otero in the
District of New Mexico, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section	Offense Description
18 USC 1544	Passport Fraud: Misuse of a Passport

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

 Complainant's signature

 SA Lacey Chesser, Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 20 Feb 2025

City and state: Las Cruces, NM


 Judge's signature
 Damian L. Martinez, U.S. Magistrate Judge
 Printed name and title

AMENDED AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, Lacey Chesser, being duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

I am a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent currently assigned to the FBI Albuquerque Division, Las Cruces Resident Agency. I have been an FBI Special Agent since October 2023. Prior to becoming a Special Agent, I was a Police Officer in Charleston, South Carolina for five years. During my time as a Police Officer, I worked in investigations for three years, which included the Special Victims unit and the Homicide Unit. I am classified, trained, and employed as a federal law enforcement officer with statutory arrest authority charged with conducting criminal investigations of alleged violations of federal criminal statutes, including violations of Title 18 of the United States Code. My experience as a Special Agent includes but is not limited to: conducting physical surveillance; interviewing witnesses; writing affidavits for and executing search warrants; working with undercover agents and informants; issuing administrative and federal grand jury subpoenas; and analyzing financial records, telephone records, and data derived from the use of pen registers and trap and traces; and assisting in wiretap investigations.

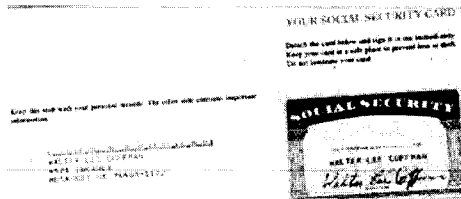
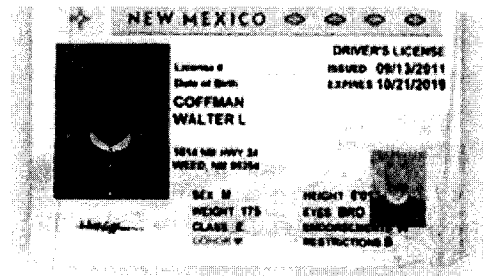
This affidavit is submitted in support of an application for criminal complaint charging Stephen Craig Campbell, a.k.a. John Doe a.k.a. Walter Lee Coffman, with Passport Fraud by Misusing a Passport in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1544.

The facts in this affidavit are based on my own knowledge; knowledge obtained from other individuals during my participation in this investigation, including other FBI SAs, law enforcement officers, and witnesses; communications with others who have knowledge of the events and circumstances described herein; and information gained through my training and experience.

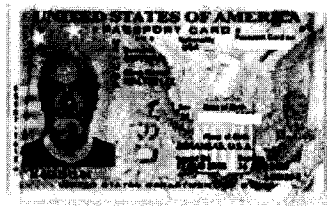
Since this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause to secure an amended criminal complaint, I have not included each fact known to me concerning this investigation. I have set forth only those facts that I believe are necessary to establish the requisite probable cause.

PROBABLE CAUSE

On or about September 4, 2019, John Doe a.k.a. Walter Lee Coffman, later identified as Stephen Craig Campbell (“Campbell”) visited the New Mexico Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) in Cloudcroft, New Mexico, located in Otero County. During this visit, Campbell fraudulently represented himself to be, Walter Lee Coffman, by presenting a series of fraudulent documents. Specifically, Campbell submitted a previously issued New Mexico driver’s license that featured his photograph but listed the name, “Walter L Coffman.” The license displayed Walter Lee Coffman’s birthdate, and an address of 1014 NM HWY 24, Weed, New Mexico. The driver’s



license indicated an issuance date of September 13, 2011, and an expiration date of October 21, 2019. In addition, Campbell provided a Social Security card bearing Walter Lee Coffman’s social security number. The card listed the name “Walter Lee Coffman,” a signature and an address of 4521 Eufaula Ave Muskogee, Oklahoma.



Campbell further submitted a current passport that included his photograph but identified him as “Walter Lee Coffman,” and indicated Walter Lee Coffman’s birthdate. The passport showed an issuance date of August 17, 2015. Finally, Campbell presented an insurance letter with the name

Walter L Coffman and an address of 1014 NM Highway 24 in Weed, New Mexico, matching the address on the driver's license. These documents were scanned into the MVD records system on September 4, 2019.¹ A renewed New Mexico license was subsequently issued to Campbell as a result of this application.

During this investigation, agents learned that Walter Lee Coffman has been deceased since 1975 and that his identity was being fraudulently used for over several decades. Arkansas Bureau of Vital Records verified that Coffman died on July 27, 1975, at the age of 22. The investigation further established that Walter Lee Coffman is buried in Hot Springs, Arkansas, as agents were able to obtain a photograph of his gravestone. An obituary published in *The Sentinel-Record* on July 29, 1975, detailed Walter Lee Coffman's death, provided information about his parents, and included a photograph of Coffman. Additionally, agents confirmed Coffman's death through a

4—THE SENTINEL-RECORD, TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1975

Obituaries



Walter Lee Coffman
Walter Lee Coffman, 22, died in a motorcycle accident Sunday near Waldron.

He was a resident of Hot Springs, a graduate of Lakeside High School, an electrical engineer, graduate of the University of Arkansas, member of the Air National Guard, an employee of Arkansas Power & Light Co. and a member of Wilkins Avenue Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Coffman of Hot Springs; a grandmother, Mrs. Davis Powell of Hot Springs.

Services will be at 10 a.m. today in Cross Mortuary Chapel with Rev. James H. Kasser, pastor of Wilkins Avenue Missionary Baptist Church officiating.

Funeral home will be Kenyon Spauld, Wayne Livingston, Steve Warden, Tom Jackson, Marc Barber and Dick Holden and Lee Bessley. Honorary pallbearers are members of Air National Guard and members of Arkansas Power & Light Co. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

James O. Bates
James Owen Bates, 61, died Sunday in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was a former resident of Hot Springs and an automobile mechanic.

Survivors include his father, A.R. Bates of Hot Springs; a son, Larry Owen Bates of Benton; two daughters, Mrs. Jerome C. Beardmore of Houston, Tex., Mrs. Shirley Douglas of Berlin, Germany, and Mrs. Caroline Harris of Germany and Mrs. William Gotscher of Nashville, Tenn., and nine grandchildren.

Arrangements will be announced by Cross Mortuary.

Sidney A. Douglas
MALVERN — Sidney A. Douglas, 61, died Sunday in a local hospital.

Born April 8, 1893 in Tyler, Tex., he was a Malvern resident for 10 years and was a retired farmer.

He was Pentecostal.

Survivors include three sons, Horace Douglas and Paul Douglas both of Malvern and Melvin Douglas of California; six daughters, Mrs. Jewel Harbinger of Malvern, Mrs. Madred Jacobs, Mrs. Ophelia Erickson, Mrs. Frances Bradford and Mrs. Claudine Livingston, all of California, and Mrs. Maxine Pickle of Washington; 31 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Prairie Bayou Church of Christ with Rev. Herman Grigsby and Rev. Raymond Hardin officiating. Burial will be in the Prairie Bayou Cemetery by Atkinson Funeral Home.

Georgia McGuire
Mrs. Georgia Liza McGuire, 80, died Sunday night at a local rest home.

She was a native of Memphis, Tenn., and had lived in Hot Springs for a number of years. She was a member of Greater St.

death certificate from the Arkansas Bureau of Vital Records, which matched the details Campbell had provided to the MVD, including Coffman's birth month, date, and year, as well as his social security number.

The investigation revealed that in June of 1968, at age 15, Walter Lee Coffman applied for a Social Security

¹ Agents only recently received certified copies of these documents through a subpoena return from the MVD in January of 2025.

Number (SSN) through the Social Security Administration in Hot Spring, Arkansas. This social

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
Application for a Social Security Card

INSTRUCTIONS

- Please read "How To Complete This Form" on page 2.
- Print or type using block or blue ink. DO NOT USE PENCIL.
- After you complete this form, take it and it along with the required documents to your nearest Social Security office.
- If you are completing this form for someone else, answer the questions as they apply to that person. Then, sign your name in question 16.

1 NAME (Last, first, middle initial) **WALTER LEE COFFMAN**

2 MAILING ADDRESS (Street, P.O. Box, Apt. No., etc.) **1521 E. 10th St. Muskogee, OK 74401**

3 CITIZENSHIP ☒ U.S. Citizen ☐ U.S. National ☐ Alien

4 SEX ☒ Male ☐ Female

5 RACE/ETHNIC DESCRIPTION ☒ White ☐ Black ☐ Asian or Pacific Islander ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

6 DATE OF BIRTH **03-11-1973** 7 PLACE OF BIRTH **OKLAHOMA**

8 MOTHER'S NAME (Last, first, middle initial) **WALTER LEE COFFMAN**

9 FATHER'S NAME (Last, first, middle initial) **WALTER LEE COFFMAN**

10 Has the person in item 1 ever received a Social Security number before? ☒ Yes ☐ No

11 Enter the Social Security number previously assigned to the person listed in item 1. **000 00-1 17**

12 Enter the name shown on the most recent Social Security card issued for the person listed in item 1. **WALTER LEE COFFMAN**

13 Enter any different date of birth if used on an earlier application for a card. **03-11-1973**

14 TODAY'S DATE **10/10/95** 15 PAYMENT FORM NUMBER **000000000**

16 YOUR SIGNATURE **WALTER LEE COFFMAN** 17 YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE PERSON IN ITEM 1 **Self**

Coffman's 1995 Replacement SS Card Application

security number matched the number utilized by Campbell in his fraudulent documents.

Agents assert that on October 10, 1995, Campbell made a request for a replacement Social Security Card in Coffman's name, 20 years after Coffman's death. As part of the application process, Campbell provided a Muskogee, Oklahoma address. Accurant reports, indicate that Campbell lived in Muskogee, Oklahoma, using Coffman's identity, until approximately 2003.

At that time, Campbell relocated to Weed, New

Mexico. Agents believe that Campbell fraudulently used this replacement Social Security card when renewing his driver's license in New Mexico in 2019. The investigation revealed that Campbell applied for a passport under the name of Walter Lee Coffman at the New Orleans Passport Agency in October of 1984.

The Passport was subsequently issued to Campbell on November 6, 1984. As part of the application process, Campbell submitted a photograph of himself and listed his Muskogee, Oklahoma address.

Ten years later, in 1994, Campbell renewed the Passport under Coffman's name once again providing a photograph of himself.

PASSPORT APPLICATION FORM

1 NAME (Last, first, middle initial) **WALTER LEE COFFMAN**

2 ADDRESS (Street, P.O. Box, Apt. No., etc.) **1521 E. 10th St. Muskogee, OK 74401**

3 DATE OF BIRTH **03-11-1973** 4 PLACE OF BIRTH **OKLAHOMA**

5 SEX ☒ Male ☐ Female

6 RACE/ETHNIC DESCRIPTION ☒ White ☐ Black ☐ Asian or Pacific Islander ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

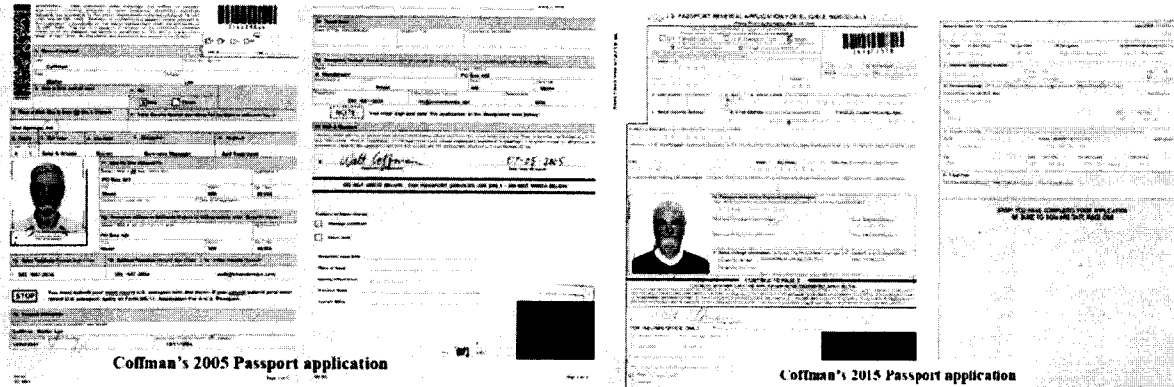
7 CITIZENSHIP ☒ U.S. Citizen ☐ U.S. National ☐ Alien

8 YOUR SIGNATURE **WALTER LEE COFFMAN**

9 YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE PERSON IN ITEM 1 **Self**

Coffman's 1984 Passport Application

Campbell continued to renew the fraudulent passport under Walter Lee Coffman's name on two additional occasions: in 2005 and most recently by mail in 2015. For each renewal, Campbell submitted an updated photograph of himself and used his current address in Weed, New Mexico. Agents assert that Campbell used the fraudulent 2015 Passport card when renewing his driver's license in New Mexico in 2019.



IDENTIFICATION OF CAMPBELL

On or about February 14, 2025, the Honorable Gregory Fouratt authorized an arrest warrant and fingerprint warrant for “John Doe a.k.a. Walter Lee Coffman” living at 1014 NM HWY 24, Weed, New Mexico, 88354. The warrants were based on probable cause that “John Doe a.k.a. Walter Lee Coffman” had misused a passport in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1544.

On February 19, 2025, agents located and arrested “John Doe a.k.a. Walter Lee Coffman” and subsequently fingerprinted him. As a result of running the fingerprints through a law enforcement database, John Doe a.k.a. Walter Lee Coffman was positively identified as Stephen Craig Campbell, a wanted fugitive pending attempted murder charges out of Wyoming.

This Affiant is aware that in 1982, Campbell was arrested by the Rock Springs Police Department in Wyoming for Attempted Murder. Campbell was alleged to have created an explosive device that he maliciously planted at his estranged wife's boyfriend's residence. Campbell's wife opened the device, which subsequently exploded, causing severe injury to her and causing her condominium and her neighbor's condominium to be completely engulfed in flames. In 1983, Campbell was released on bond and subsequently absconded from law enforcement. On April 25, 1983, a state warrant was issued for Campbell for Failure to Appear for 1st Degree Attempted Murder.

WANTED By U.S. MARSHALS

Name: CAMPBELL STEPHEN CRAIG
 Also: CAMPBELL FRED, CAMPBELL STEPHEN
 CRAIG, STEPHEN STEPHEN CRAIG
 Sex: MALE
 Race: WHITE
 Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
 Place of Birth: CALIFORNIA
 Height: 6'01"
 Weight: 165 pounds
 Eyes: BROWN
 Hair: BLACK

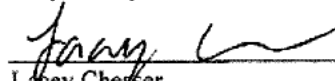


Affiant asserts that the Wyoming warrant is still active in NCIC and that Affiant has had recent contact with authorities in Wyoming who have indicated that they are willing to extradite Campbell on the warrant

Excluded: Explosive Expert?
 State charge in Idaho to appear on charges of Attempted First Degree Murder. Federally he is charged with Making a Firearm and Possessing a Dangerous Weapon.
 Stephen C. Campbell has an electrical engineering degree and has had specialized training in small electrical engine repair. He may be actively working in the Southern or Eastern States Region. He is a very capable underground.
 Campbell is assumed to have changed his name and appearance.
 If you have any information, please contact the U.S. Marshals Office, District of Wyoming at (307) 772-3396.

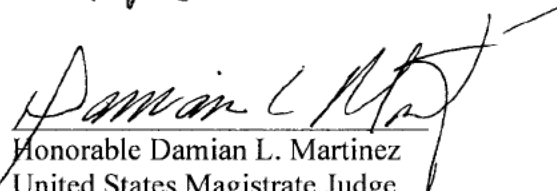
Based on the above reference information, your affiant respectfully submits that there is probable cause to believe that Campbell knowingly and willfully misused a passport in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1544.

Respectfully submitted,


 Lacey Chesser
 FBI Special Agent

Dated: 2/20/25

Signed and sworn this 20 day
 of February 2025


 Honorable Damian L. Martinez
 United States Magistrate Judge